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1. MBFR WORKING GROUP AGREED AT MAY 18 MEETING TO DEFER DISCUSSION
OF MOST ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA PENDING COUNCIL AND SENIOR POLADS'
DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK OF U. S. APPROACH TO MBFR" PAPER.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF FIRST AGENDA ITEM, " SUMMARY OF NATO AND NATIONAL GROUND AND AIR FORCES IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA," BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) POINTED TO DISCREPANCIES IN FIGURES RELATING TO U. S. FORCES CONTAINED IN MILSTAM(MBFR)-10-73 AND AC/276- WP(73) 12, ON THE ONE HAND, AND U. S. PAPER ON THE OTHER. U. S. REP SAID U. S. P PAPER WAS NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR WG TO ADDRESS PAPER OR ASPECTS THEREOF UNLESS COUNCIL ASKED WG TO DO SO. THE CHAIRMAN (ADM. MINTER) AGREED THAT U. S. PAPER WAS BEFORE THE COUNCIL, AND THERE WAS NO DISSENT FROM U. S. REP' S POSITION. COMMENT: THIS EPISODE MAY REFLECT A TURNING POINT IN WG' S PERCEPTION OF ITS ROLE. END COMMENT

3. BELGIAN REP AND U. K. HREP (GEN. LLOYD) DID MAINTAIN, HOWEVER, THAT FIGURES IN VARIOUS PAPER WOULD HAVE TO BE RECONCILED FORMALLY TO ARRIVE AT AGREED NATO FIGURES. U. K. REP SAID THIS WAS A " POLICY" MATTER " OF PRINCIPLE." CHAIRMAN AGREED THAT FIGURES NEEDED TO BE RECONCILED, BUT HE SUGGESTED THAT INTERESTED COUNTRIES TAKE OPPORTUNITY OF U. S. EXPERTS' VISIT NEXT WEEK FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS.

4. WG " NOTED" TWO DOCUMENTS LISTED PARA 2 ABOVE, AND AGREED TO FORMAT FOR DISPLAY OF NATO GROUND FORCES DATA (AC/276- WP(73)8). CONSENSUS WAS THAT DISCUSSION OF ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER HIGHER LEVEL MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

5. NEXT WG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 5. MCAULIFFE

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